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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the existence of the ban and as the land could not be assigned to poor Harijans, may I know whether the Government have any proposal to assign the land to rich mirasdars who are non-Harijans and who are at present cultivating the land ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " There is quite a number of layers of men between the rich mirasdars and poor people."

Assignment of poramboke lands in Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages, Gobichettipalayam taluk.

*411 Q.—Sri P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total area of the bits of odai and foot-path poramboke lands in the Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages of the Gobichettipalayam taluk, Coimbatore district, that were occupied by the adjacent land-owners for wet cultivation now evicted ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to assign these cultivable lands on patta to Harijans?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (a) Perundalaiyur village.—Nil, and Mettupalayam village 43 cents in fasli 1362.

" (b) No, Sir."

Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" பெருந்தளயூர், மேட்டுப்பாளையம் கிராமங்களிலே அனேக துண்டு துண்டு நிலங்கள் அதிகமாக இருக்கின்றனவென்பது எனக்குத் தெரியும். அந்த நிலங்களையெல்லாம் கணக்கெடுத்து ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " No, Sir, the Minister would not come forward because there are foot-paths and also poramboke odais which cannot be assigned."

Travelling allowance to village officers in Malabar.

*412 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether village officers in Malabar are paid any travelling expenses for attending to Jamabandi duties; and

(b) whether the village headmen and accountants of Palghat taluk, Malabar, were paid any and if so, what ' batta ' for attending to Jamabandi duties during the last three years?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (a) The village officers (adhigari and menon) and the village menials of villages lying beyond a radius of five miles from the Jamabandi camp are being paid allowance at the following rates for attending to Jamabandi duties :—

(1) Adhigari—Re. 1 each for one day only.

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(2) Menon—Re. 1 each per day for a maximum period of five days.

(3) Kolkaran (menials)—Rs. 2 for each village irrespective of the number of Kolkarans.

"(b) The village officers (Adhigari and Menon) of Palghat taluk were paid Jamabandi allowance at the rate mentioned in clause (a) for fasli 1361. Steps are being taken for the payment of the arrears of jamabandi allowance for faslis 1359 and 1360."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the village peons have to go to the taluk headquarters at least once a month and for all that only this petty amount is paid to them for the whole year, may I know why even this small amount has not been paid so long? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, we have asked that it should be examined quickly and the matter expedited."

Sri M. NARAYANASWAMI :—" Sir, how is it that the allowance for the menials is not in proportion to the number of people who go to the Jamabandi work? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no direct proportion between the number of people and the servants."

Sri T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the village officers are still forced to make free supplies to the revenue officials and that puts them in an awkward position? Will the Government take steps to see that these things do not continue hereafter? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, I said that the Government are examining the question."

Sri M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are paying travelling allowance to these menials? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. This covers that allowance; this is a lump-sum amount that is given."

Sri Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that jamabandi means enormous expenditure to village officers particularly, will the Government consider the question of abolishing jamabandi itself? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Does the hon. Member seriously suggest that, Sir? "

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" May I know, Sir, on what basis this allowance is calculated? Is it calculated on the basis of the salary that the Adhikaris and Menons receive? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This is a sort of *ad hoc* system."

Representations from the kisans of Chidambaram taluk.

* 413 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received representation, in any form, from the kisans of Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, requesting the Government to extend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952, to their taluk; and if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Two representations were received in January 1953 on behalf of the agriculturists of Chidambaram taluk praying for the extension of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952 to their taluk. The question whether the Act should be extended to other areas particularly to Chidambaram taluk is engaging the attention of the Government."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that a grave situation is developing in the area due to brutal atrocities of the police, such as hunting, harassing and searching of persons, and molesting women and will the Government be kind enough to help these helpless souls by withdrawing the police at once?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A serious situation threatened to develop, but we have resolved it."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, have the Government get any proposal to introduce this Act in the Tiruchirappalli district also?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that 92 pannaiyals have been arrested and detained since?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member seems to have latest information. He may pass it on to me."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the recent disturbances around Chidambaram, in spite of the efforts of the Government the tenants there are afraid of the mirasdars of the area and fear that their lands will not be restored to them, will the Government consider the question of immediately extending the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to Chidambaram and the area around it also, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member is very much anticipating me. It is under the very active consideration of the Government now."